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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

3470 Wingood Circle #2 (Wingood Apartments)

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 3470 Wingood Circle, Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy smoke visible from the two-story apartments. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fourteen (14) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-six (36) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief M. McNeil was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at approximately 4:13 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did not have** a working smoke alarm. Two (2) units sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$40,000.00 structure and \$20,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be electrical; an air fryer malfunctioned in the kitchen. Red Cross provided assistance for two (2) families.

The Memphis Fire Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** on-line at: https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/ or call the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY issues please dial (901) 458-8281.